

### Finance & Attendance Update:

Amount needed each Sunday to meet budget (2018):	2,615.00
Amount received last Sunday:	5,426.00
Total received to date this year:	45,156.00
Amount received last Sunday for <b>Capital Growth Fund</b> :	20.00
Total received to date this year for Capital Growth Fund:	6,400.00
Attendance last Sunday :	119

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, May 6

- 10:00 a.m. Worship – *Communion*
- 11:15 a.m. Music & Worship Mtg.
- 3:00 p.m. Grace Korean worship

#### Monday, May 7

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

#### Tuesday, May 8

- 9:30 a.m. Parents and Pals Playtime
- 10:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Age Well Memory Café
- 4:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach Mtg.
- 6:00 p.m. PEO Mtg.

#### Wednesday, May 9

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Mt. Royal
- 9:30 a.m. Parents and Pals Playtime
- 10:00 a.m. Page Turners

#### Wednesday, May 9 - *continued*

- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 6:00 p.m. Page Flippers
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Alanon

#### Thursday, May 10

- 9:00 a.m. Painters Group
- 12:00 p.m. Yoga
- 1:00 p.m. Exercise Class
- 6:30 p.m. Qigong

#### Friday, May 11

- 10:00 a.m. North Country Quilters

#### Sunday, May 13

- 10:00 a.m. Worship – *H.S. Grad. Recogn.*
- 11:15 a.m. Trustees Mtg.
- 11:15 a.m. SPRC
- 3:00 p.m. Grace Korean worship

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Nametags:** 1. Request yours via sign-up sheet in front of nametag rack. 2. Pick up new nametag, same location. 3. Wear your nametag every week! It helps “knit the Body of Christ” together.

**\*Safety Reminder:** With warmer weather, please be mindful of locking your car doors and leaving nothing of value in your vehicle while parked at the church (or elsewhere).

**\*Recent additions and changes to Hope members' addresses** can be found in the narthex.

**\*SOLES 4 SOULS:** Through May, bring in new or gently used shoes. Their resale in Haiti will provide entrepreneurs much needed income to provide necessities for their families.

**\*VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018! Save June 12-14, 9am-12 “Learning With Lego Blocks”!** Invite kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, to get this **LEGO-themed VBS** on their calendars! We need just a few more adults and youth to help by providing a snack, sharing special craft, reading a story, leading a game, teaching a song.... See Anita!

### STAFF

**Administrative Assistant:** Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

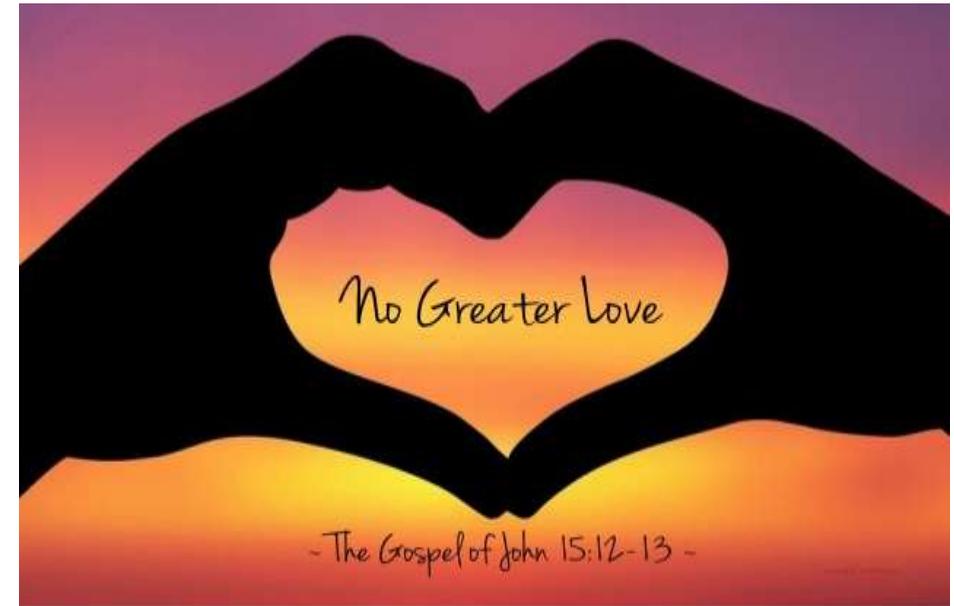
**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Amy-Dressler

**Nursery Attendants:** Sara Schutt, Cassidy Kelley

**Music Director:** Liz Raihala

**Custodian:** Matt Johnson

**Kids' Quest Director:** Anita Rixe



May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hope United Methodist Church

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Pastor Laurie Boche

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday ~ 9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

*With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.*

**PRELUDE** "Why Should He Love Me So?" arr. Lorie Line

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

If Christ is for us,

**Who can be against us?**

If love is with us,

**Then what do we fear?**

If grace is with us,

**Then what are we ashamed of?**

If peace is with us,

**We know God's presence is very near.**

Come, let us worship our God.

**Come, may we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God;**

**May we not be afraid to follow Christ's ways. Amen.**

**\*SONG** "Your Love Is Amazing" # 3027

**\*GREETINGS**

**UNISON PRAYER**

Compassionate God, You have shown us great love and mercy even though we do not remember Your ways. Guide us to walk in the ways of Your love and kindness, compassion and justice, so that we can love You most fully in the love we have for our neighbors. May we reach beyond the borders we have drawn, beyond the walls we have constructed, far beyond the trenches we have dug, to truly love our kindred around the world as You have first loved us as Your children. In the name of Jesus Christ, our companion now into eternity, we pray. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 98, p. 521

**ANTHEM** "Church in the Wildwood" Dr. William S. Pitts

**CHILDREN'S TIME** *Rob West*  
*sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come up* #191

**TIME OF SHARING - JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*(We ask you to pass the registration pads at this time.)*

**SILENT PRAYERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN** "Hymn of Promise" # 707

**GOSPEL READING** John 15:9-17, p. 103

**MESSAGE** "No Greater Love"

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

**OFFERTORY**

**\* DOXOLOGY** #95

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SONG OF PREPARATION** "Sanctuary" sing twice # 2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** "Come to the Table" # 2264

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN** "You Are Mine" # 2218

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "The Gospel Trumpet" Benton Price

*\*You are invited to stand as you are able*

***LARGE PRINT hymnals, bulletins, and Bibles, as well as hearing devices are available from the usher. Nursery Care provided.***

### **A Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our Lord thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, we bless you  
For creation and all that you have made,  
For your gracious covenant with a holy people and  
For your steadfast love in sending the prophets  
To call us to repent and to walk in your ways.  
With thanksgiving we remember your love for the world  
In sending your Son to live and die as one of us.

Before his death on the cross he took bread and said,  
“Eat this bread – it is my body – and remember me.”

After supper he took the cup and said,  
“Drink this wine – it is my blood – and remember me.”  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,  
You gave birth to your church and made all things new.  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

By your Holy Spirit make this bread and wine  
To be for us the body and blood of Christ.  
So fill us with your love that being one with Christ  
We may daily welcome your new creation  
With acts of compassion and justice.  
Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
All honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **May 20 Spring Celebration of HOPE!**

As the program year wraps up, we will take time to celebrate ALL the wonderful ministries, service opportunities and events of Hope United Methodist Church over the past nine years of our journey with Pastor Laurie Boche.

Do you have a favorite story to share? Do you have a particular photograph? If so, please, email or bring in these things to the church office soon, so we can include them in the celebration.

Sometimes we are so rushed going into the future that we forget to stop, notice, enjoy, and give thanks for our connections with God, with one another, and with our community. Our Spring Celebration will be all about doing just that!

### ***UMCOR Hygiene / Health Kits***

Besides Soles4Souls, it's also time to prepare FIFTY hygiene / health kits to go to Annual Conference later this month. Your help in gathering the following items is greatly appreciated!!

- 48 Handtowels, 15x25 or 17x27 (no microfiber or kitchen towels)
- 50 6" sturdy Comb (not pocket comb nor with handle)
- 50 metal Nail File or Clippers
- 50 Bar Soap, 3 oz or larger, individually wrapped (not Jurgens or Ivory)
- 25 Toothbrushes, individually packaged
- 300 Band-aids, standard size
- 50 \$1 Contributions for toothpaste
- 50 Ziplock bags, 1 gallon size

*Bins in the narthex – need donations by May 17<sup>th</sup> so we can be sure we have enough*